

Sub E1
-1. (Amended Four Times) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium; and

a payment imposing unit for determining, when receiving the basic data from the control unit, an amount of payment according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and a specific user to be imposed with the payment according to the data indicative of the user identification for imposing the determined amount of payment for the specific user and for transmitting to the control unit the data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user.

Sub E. 11. (Amended Four Times) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus capable of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording the data onto the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

imposing payment according to the basic data received, with an amount of payment determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and a specific user to be imposed with the payment is determined according to the data indicative of user identification and for generating data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the

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proper completion of imposing payment.

--19. (Amended Four Times) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium; and

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a control unit for generating basic data for imposing payment from at least data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, with an amount of payment determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and a specific user to be imposed with the payment is determined according to the data indicating user identification, for directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium.

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--23. (Amended Four Times) A record/playback method comprising the steps of:

reading out corresponding data from a data storage unit where a plurality of data is stored and recording the data onto a first recording medium in response to indicator data received from an operating unit in an apparatus for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

imposing payment according to the basic data received, wherein an amount of payment is determined by the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and a specific user to be imposed with the payment is determined according to the data indicative of user identification and generating data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the

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--31. (Amended Four Times) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a first unit for reading out data from a first recording medium;

a second unit for recording the data onto a second recording medium;

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a payment imposing unit for receiving the basic data from the control unit, for imposing payment according to the basic data received, wherein an amount of payment is determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium and a specific user to be imposed with the payment is determined according to the information indicative of user identification and for transmitting the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing the payment, thereby verifying

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an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user to the control unit.

--41. (Amended Four Times) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus for reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

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generating basic data for imposing payment from data indicative of a user identification and data indicative of a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

canceling imposing payment and generating key data when the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a predetermined speed;

imposing payment and generating key data when the data indicative of a speed is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the predetermined speed, wherein

an amount of payment is determined according to the speed for recording the data read out from the first recording

medium onto the second recording medium and a specific user to be imposed with the payment is determined according to the data indicative of user identification;

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transmitting data indicative of proper completion of imposing payment, thereby verifying an electronic transfer of funds from an account of the specific user from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the proper completion of imposing payment.

--45. (Amended Twice) A dubbing apparatus comprising:

dubbing means for reading out data from a first recording medium and writing said read out data onto a second recording medium; and

control means for generating basic data for billing a user, said basic data includes a user identification and a dubbing speed,

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wherein after proper completion of billing said user in which an electronic transfer of funds is made from a user account, said control means directs said dubbing means to start reading out data from said first recording medium and writing the read out data onto said second recording medium, with an amount of billing for said user determined based on said dubbing speed and a specific user to be imposed with the billing is determined based on the user identification.--